

### § 1070.3

(iii) any communications between the CFPB and a supervised financial institution or a federal, state, or foreign government agency related to the CFPB's supervision of the institution;

(iv) Any information provided to the CFPB by a financial institution to enable the CFPB to monitor for risks to consumers in the offering or provision of consumer financial products or services, or to assess whether an institution should be considered a covered person, as that term is defined by 12 U.S.C. 5481; and/or

(v) Information that is exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8).

(2) Confidential supervisory information does not include documents prepared by a financial institution for its own business purposes and that the CFPB does not possess.

(j) *Director* means the Director of the CFPB or his or her designee, or a person authorized to perform the functions of the Director in accordance with law.

(k) *Employee* means all current employees or officials of the CFPB, including employees of contractors and any other individuals who have been appointed by, or are subject to the supervision, jurisdiction, or control of the Director, as well as the Director. The procedures established within this part also apply to former employees where specifically noted.

(l) *Financial institution* means any person involved in the offering or provision of a "financial product or service," including a "covered person" or "service provider," as those terms are defined by 12 U.S.C. 5481.

(m) *General Counsel* means the General Counsel of the CFPB or any CFPB employee to whom the General Counsel has delegated authority to act under this part.

(n) *Person* means an individual, partnership, company, corporation, association (incorporated or unincorporated), trust, estate, cooperative organization, or other entity.

(o) *Report of examination* means the report prepared by the CFPB concerning the examination or inspection of a supervised financial institution.

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(p) *Supervised financial institution* means a financial institution subject to the CFPB's supervisory authority.

### § 1070.3 Custodian of records; certification; alternative authority.

(a) *Custodian of records*. The Chief Operating Officer is the official custodian of all records of the CFPB, including records that are in the possession or control of the CFPB or any CFPB employee.

(b) *Certification of record*. The Chief Operating Officer may certify the authenticity of any CFPB record or any copy of such record, for any purpose, and for or before any duly constituted federal or state court, tribunal, or agency.

(c) *Alternative authority*. Any action or determination required or permitted to be done by the Chief Operating Officer may be done by any employee who has been duly designated for this purpose by the Chief Operating Officer.

### § 1070.4 Records of the CFPB not to be otherwise disclosed.

Except as provided by this part, employees or former employees of the CFPB, or others in possession of a record of the CFPB that the CFPB has not already made public, are prohibited from disclosing such records, without authorization, to any person who is not an employee of the CFPB.

## Subpart B—Freedom of Information Act

### § 1070.10 General.

This subpart contains the regulations of the CFPB implementing the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended. These regulations set forth procedures for requesting access to records maintained by the CFPB. These regulations should be read together with the FOIA, the 1987 Office of Management and Budget Guidelines for FOIA Fees, the CFPB's Privacy Act regulations set forth in subpart E, and the FOIA webpage on the CFPB's Web site, <http://www.consumerfinance.gov>, which provide additional information about this topic.